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REPORT

OF

THE COMMITTEE OF CLAIMS,

ON THE

PETITION OF SUNDRY CITIZENS

OF

VINCENNES AND OF KNOX COUNTY

IN THE

INDIANA TERRITORY.

DECEMBER 23, 1813.

Read and referred to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

WASHINGTON CITY:

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REPORT.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petitions of sundry citizens of Vincennes and of Knox county in the territory of Indiana, respectfully ask leave to

REPORT:

That the petitioners, who are either tenants or proprietors of land in the Indiana territory, claim remuneration for the depredations which were committed on their crops in the year 1812, by a part of the expedition under the immediate command of Major General Hopkins, of the Kentucky militia. That these depredations did take place cannot be doubted: and it is equally apparent, from the documents produced by the petitioners, that they were wholly unauthorised by the commanding general, and contrary to his express orders.

The committee, although sympathising with those who have suffered, are bound to express their opinion, that it would be impolitic in the government of the United States to remunerate in damages, those who have sustained losses from the lawless ravages of a riotous and licentious part of the soldiery. The reasons upon which this opinion is grounded are too palpably plain to require illustration.

They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

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